

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The claims in this listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An electronic endoscope system including a scope having a solid state image sensor provided at a distal end thereof to generate image-pixel signals, an image-signal processing unit that produces a video signal based on the image-pixel signals, and a monitor for reproducing and displaying an endoscope-image in accordance with the video signal output from said image-signal processing unit, said system comprising:

a scene-changing system that changes a scene displayed on said monitor between an endoscope-image-display scene and a patient-data-list-display scene comprising character code data;

a storage system that stores patient data, said patient data comprising a patient data list which is displayed on said monitor when the scene on said monitor is changed from said endoscope-image-display scene to said patient-data-list-display scene by said scene-changing system;

a selection system that selects individual patient data from said patient data list displayed on said monitor;

a display-control system that displays said selected individual patient data together with the endoscope-image on said monitor when the scene on said monitor is changed from said patient-data-list-display scene to said endoscope-image-display scene by said scene-changing system; and

a timing controller that provides clock pulses to the image-signal processing unit, the timing controller outputting a first series of clock pulses having a first frequency when the endoscope-image-display scene is displayed on said monitor, and outputting a second series of clock pulses having a second frequency ~~higher than the first frequency~~ when the patient-data-list-display scene is displayed on said monitor, the second frequency being higher than the first frequency in order to enable the image-signal processing unit to process a larger number of image-pixel signals when the patient-data-list-display scene is displayed on said monitor,

wherein said selection system includes:

an indicator system that visually indicates patient data to be selected from said patient data list;

a manual operation system that controls the indication of the patient data to be selected from said patient data list; and

a manual settlement system that manually settles the indication of the patient data to be selected from said patient data list.

2. (Original) An electronic endoscope system as set forth in claim 1, further comprising an editing system that edits the patient data, forming the patient data list, stored in said storage system.

3. (Previously Presented) An electronic endoscope system as set forth in claim 1, said image signal processing unit producing the video signal such that as much patient information as possible is included in said patient data list displayed on the monitor when the scene on said

monitor is changed from said endoscope-image-display scene to said patient-data-list-display scene by said scene-changing system.

4. (Previously Presented) An electronic endoscope system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the timing controller outputs said first series of clock pulses in accordance with a number of image-pixel signals obtained from said image sensor.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) An electronic endoscope system as set forth in claim 1, wherein said selection system further includes:

an editing system that edits the patient data, forming the patient data list, stored in said storage system; and

a determination system that determines whether editing of said patient data is performed by said editing system after an activation of said manual settlement system, the editing of said patient data being settled by an activation of said manual settlement system when the performance of the editing of said patient data is confirmed by said determination system.

7. (Currently Amended) An electronic endoscope system that produces a video signal and displays an endoscope-image in accordance with the video signal on a monitor, said system comprising:

a scene-changing system that changes a scene displayed on said monitor between a first display mode and a second display mode, the second display mode comprising a patient-data-list-display scene comprising character code data;

a storage system that stores patient data, said patient data comprising a patient data list which is displayed on said monitor when the scene on said monitor is changed from said first display mode to said second display mode by said scene-changing system;

a selection system that selects individual patient data from said patient data list displayed on said monitor; and

a display-control system that displays said selected individual patient data together with the endoscope-image on said monitor when the scene on said monitor is changed from said second display mode, in which the patient-data-list-display scene is displayed on said monitor, to said first display mode by said scene-changing system;

a timing controller that provides clock pulses to the electronic endoscope system, the timing controller outputting a first series of clock pulses having a first frequency when an endoscope-image-display scene is displayed on said monitor, and outputting a second series of clock pulses having a second frequency ~~higher than the first frequency~~ when the patient-data-list-display scene is displayed on said monitor, the second frequency being higher than the first frequency in order to enable an image-signal processing unit to process a larger number of image-pixel signals when the patient-data-list-display scene is displayed on said monitor,

wherein said selection system includes:

an indicator system that visually indicates patient data to be selected from said patient data list;

an operation system that controls the indication of the patient data to be selected from said patient data list; and

a selector that selects the indication of the patient data to be selected from said patient data list.

8. (Previously Presented) An electronic endoscope system as set forth in claim 7, further comprising an editing system that edits the patient data, forming the patient data list, stored in said storage system.

9. (Previously Presented) An electronic endoscope system as set forth in claim 7, wherein the video signal is configured such that as much patient information as possible is included in said patient data list displayed on the monitor when the scene on the monitor is changed from said first mode to said patient-data-list-display scene by said scene-changing system.

10. (Previously Presented) An electronic endoscope system as set forth in claim 7, wherein the timing controller outputs said first series of clock pulses in accordance with a number of image-pixel signals obtained from an image sensor of and endoscope.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously Presented) An electronic endoscope system as set forth in claim 7, wherein said selection system further includes:

an editing system that edits the patient data, comprising the patient data list, stored in said storage system; and

a determiner that determines whether editing of said patient data is performed by said editing system after an activation of said selector, the editing of said patient data being selected by an activation of said selector when the performance of the editing of said patient data is confirmed by said determination system.

13-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) An image-signal processing unit of an electronic endoscope system which receives image-pixel signals from a scope and outputs endoscope-image-display signals and patient-data-list-display signals to a monitor, comprising:

a scene-changing system that controls the image-signal processing unit to change between outputting an endoscope-image display signal to the monitor, and outputting a patient-data-list display signal comprising character code data to the monitor;

a processing system that processes signals to be outputted to the monitor; and

a timing controller that provides clock pulses to the processing system, the timing controller outputting a first series of clock pulses having a first frequency when an endoscope-image display signal is outputted to the monitor, and outputting a second series of clock pulses having a second frequency higher than the first frequency when a patient-data-list display signal is outputted to the monitor, the second frequency being higher than the first frequency in order to enable the processing system to process a larger number of image-pixel signals when the patient-data-list-display signal is outputted to said monitor.